THE CASE of Dr. *ROBERT EATON*,

With relation to

A Power intended to be granted the College of Physicians, in a BILL now depending before the Honourable HOUSE of LORDS.

THAT Dr. *Eaton*, in pursuit of his Studies for Improvement in Physick, hath, at very great Expence, found out and perfected a *Balsamick Styptick*, the Virtues of which have been amply demonstrated, in the Presence, and by the Experience, of several eminent Physicians who are Members of the College, and of several Able Surgeons and Apothecaries, to be effectual against any Outward or Inward Bleedings, Superior to other Styptticks.

THAT *His Majesty's Most Gracious Letters Patents* have been Granted the said Dr. *Eaton* for the sole Privilege of Making and Vending the said Medicine, during the Term of 14 Years.

THAT before the said *Letters Patents* were obtained, the *President of the College* was acquainted with it, in order to give Opportunity for entring a *Caveat by the College*, if there was any ground for it, and several Specimens of the Styptick were sent the *President* and *Censors* for their making Tryals of it.

THAT a large Account of this *Balsamick Styptick* hath been since published by the said Dr. *Eaton*, and *Dedicated to the President, Censors, and Fellows of the College*, appealing to them about it, and that no Objection to it hath been made by the *College*; but on the contrary, several of the Worthy Members have expressed their Approbation of it, and **One of the most eminent* amongst them hath recommended it to the Publick in a Treatise lately publish'd by him.

* *Preface* to Sir *Richard Blackmore* on CONSUMPTIONS. Page 18.

THAT the Power demanded by the *College of Physicians* in the Bill now depending *before Your Lordships*, "For Four Censors appointed by the College of Physicians, from Time to Time, to enter into any House, Shop, "Work-house, Rooms, *&c.* of Apothecary, or any other Person or Persons who now doth, or hereafter shall, keep any Medicines or Compositions for Sale, us'd or to be us'd in Medicines within the said "City of *London*, and Suburbs thereof; and to search and examine, "take and burn, or otherwise destroy the Medicines or Compositions "of such Apothecary, or *other Person or Persons, as they shall adjudge* defective," is such, as may not only be a Discouragement to the Liberty of Art and Science, and Studies for Invention and Improvement in Physick, but may deprive the said Dr. *Eaton* of all the Benefit of his Majesty's Letters-Patent, and make the said Medicine Lyable to be Inspected or Destroy'd at the Arbitrary Will of the Censors.

THAT Dr. *Eaton* not Believing that the Worthy Gentlemen, the *President, or Censors of the College*, had the least Intention to make an unjust Use of the Power desired, by invading his Property, or indirectly discovering his Secret, waited *on the President*, and desired that the general Words of the said Bill might be so confined to a Certainty, that no Interpretation thereof might be construed to extend to the Prejudice of your Petitioner's Right and Property *under his Patent*, and to prevent him from being under a Necessity of applying to your Lordships for Protection against the Power intended to be granted to the said Censors yearly appointed by the College of Physicians.

THAT this Reasonable Request not being comply'd with, the said Dr. *Eaton* hath been Constrained Humbly to Petition this *Honourable House* for a Clause to be added to this Bill, to secure to him his Property in the said Medicine, and the Advantages of his Patent

Your Petitioner *therefore humbly hopes the same will be granted in such a Manner as* Your Lordships *in Your great Wisdom shall think fit.*